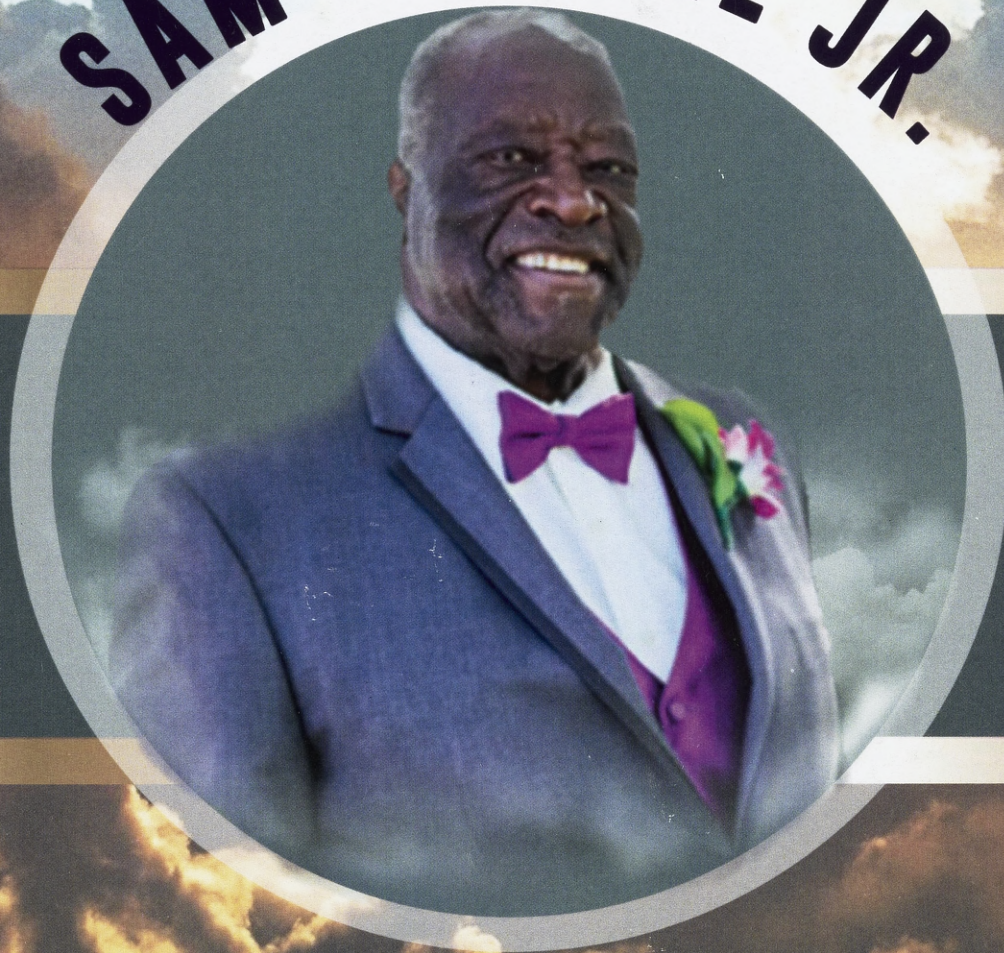


Homegoing Celebration of

SAM FORTUNE JR.



August 7, 1927 - March 13, 2019

Friday, March 22, 2019 - 10:00am

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Sam Fortune Jr.

On August 7, 1927 in Conway, Arkansas, Sam Fortune Jr. was born into a loving large family of 12 children and parents, Sam and Maudie Fortune. Sam was the seventh child of twelve. There were five sisters; Mary Theresa, Birdie, Dorothy Mae, Murlene, Frances, and "Varon." His six brothers were Hubert, Wallace, Charles Edison, John Henry, Thomas David (TD), and Billy Lee. The family lived in Conway, Arkansas before moving to Gould, Arkansas where Sam received his education until the 8th grade. The family attended Reverend Thomas Laflora's church. This early exposure to the church was instrumental in laying the foundation for Sam's lifelong personal walk with the Lord.

At age 17, Sam left Gould in route to Bakersfield, California. It was there, he accepted Christ and later met and married the love of his life, Arra McClinton in 1949. The two were married at the "O" Street Church under the leadership of Pastor Horace Douglas. Sam and Arra were happily married for 65 years until the Lord called Arra home to Glory in 2015.

Sam was a devoted provider. He worked for California Cotton Compress company to provide for his family and in the off season he did agricultural work in the fields harvesting potatoes, onions, hay, and whatever needed to be harvested. Sam would also travel to Emeryville, California to work at Del Monte Cannery, always returning to Bakersfield to supply the needs of his wife and family. There were five children born to Sam and Arra in Bakersfield; Janie, Calleen, LeRoy, Gwen, and Sam III.

In 1954 Sam and Arra relocated to Oakland, California. The family soon began attending Ephesians Church of God in Christ in Berkeley, California under the leadership of Bishop E.E. Cleveland Sr. During this time two more sons were born to the family—Eugene and Leslie. Though only an 8th grade education, Sam strived to have more for his family. He purchased his family a one-bedroom home in Berkeley that over time, Sam added on to what would become the beacon light and safe-haven to the Fortune family for generations to come.

In 1960 the family joined The Missionary Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Pastor Thirland Daniels and continued to serve under the leadership of Pastor Gordon Choyce Sr. and the present pastor, Pastor Cornell Wheeler. Sam faithfully served at Missionary Church in many capacities. He was the II Associate Pastor between 1987 and 1990, a minister of the gospel for nearly 59 years, and intercessory prayer warrior—leading noon day prayer weekly in his later years. His fatherly disposition earned him the affectionate name of "Dad." Sam led his family to church, as well as others in his community. He believed in living a holy life rooted in prayer. Sam would often pray in his sleep for those whom the Lord laid on his heart. He also believed in playing and singing songs of praise to the Lord and made sure he instilled such values to his children and grandchildren.

An honorable, hardworking man, Sam worked for the City of Berkeley as a Refuse Collector. He worked there along with brothers - Charles, and Billy. Sam retired after 32 years of dedicated service. During his retired years, Sam spent a great deal of time enjoying his past time hobbies and love for hunting, fishing, gardening, and landscaping. He even found time to volunteer at various senior homes, playing the piano and rendering encouragement through old gospel hymns. Sam truly loved all people; he had no reservation in showing that love and being around him made you feel better about yourself. He took pride in sharing life's lessons with others for he believed and would often say, he is "blessed and able to count em."

A family man to the core, Sam modeled himself after preserving the family unit and the next generation. Until his last day on this side of life, he was striving to ensure his 2019 Family Reunion was going to do just that—preserve the family and next generation.

Sam is preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Maudie Fortune, son Sam Fortune Jr. III, the love of his life Arra Fortune, four brothers and five sisters. He leaves to cherish his memories and celebrate his life, his children; Janie L. Brazier, Federal Way, WA, Calleen Fulcher (Raoul) Oakland, CA, LeRoy Fortune (Joann) Vacaville, CA, Gwendolyn White (Donald) Elk Grove, CA, Eugene (Antoinette) Vallejo, CA, and Leslie Fortune, Berkeley, CA. He also leaves 17 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, two brothers - Charles Fortune of Richmond, CA and Billy (Ruth) Fortune of Las Vegas, NV., two sisters-in-laws, Blanche Clark, Carson, CA and Odella Sims of Sacramento, CA, three adoptive daughters; Nancy Smith, Cadwell, ID, Judy Heard, Pasedena, CA, and June R. Wallace, Manteca, CA, one adoptive son, Chester Horace-Lawrence, Berkeley, CA, the Missionary Church family, and a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

MARCH 22, 2019 - 10:00AM

Invocation

Old Testament Scripture: Elder Clifford Brown Sr.
New Testament Scripture: Minister Kerwin Liggins

Praise and Worship:

Old Zion Songs, Carmen Marshall Diane Robinson

Reflections: 2min

Bishop Tom Watson, Armenthia Hines, Kimberly Brazier-Preston

Selection: Precious Memories

Pastor Albert Hines,
Anchor of Hope Outreach Center, Bakersfield, CA

Family Expressions:

Tricia Brazier, Michael Clayton, LeRoy Fortune, Eugene Fortune Jr.

Selection

Family Expressions cont.:

Eugene Fortune Sr., Marcus White, Rashawn Fulcher

Special Presentation: Janette Fortune

Clergy Expression: Pulpit

Grandson's Tribute: When the Roll is Called in Heaven

Cards and Condolences: Cathy Tatmon

Obituary: Faris Wallace

Resolution and Tributes: Reatha Lott

Sermonic Selection: Wheeler Sisters

Eulogy:

Pastor Cornell Wheeler
Missionary C.O.G.I.C., Berkeley, CA

Final Glimpse Until Glory

Recessional



When He Spoke

When he spoke, I recognized his voice.
When he spoke, his way, I made my choice.
When he spoke, the crowd would gather near.
When he spoke, the dead was made to hear.
When he spoke, that man of Galilee.
When he spoke, the fire began to burn
when he spoke, joy wheels began to turn.
When he spoke, that man of Galilee.
When he spoke, the poor heard the gospel preached
When he spoke, thousands of souls was reached.
When he spoke, that man of Galilee.
When he spoke, the fisherman heard his shout.
When he spoke, all devils was cast out.
When he spoke, that man of Galilee.
When he called my name, I answered and said,
Yes Lord.

Honorary Pallbearers

Charles E. Fortune
Billy Fortune
Deacon Richmond Lee
Deacon Roosevelt Bess

Active Pallbearers

Martin Brazier
Prentice White
Donald White Jr.
Eugene Fortune Jr.
Romacio Fulcher
Rashawn Fulcher

Acknowledgements

The Family of Sam Fortune Jr. wishes to thank all who have shown their love, compassion and concern in our time of bereavement. Your kind expression of love, sympathy and understanding, your presence here today as well as your prayers on our behalf shall not be forgotten.

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Repast
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